

## Launch More Ships in March Than in 1914

Vessels Leaving Ways in Month Outnumber Output of Whole Year

Private Interests To Build New Yard

Du Ponts Supposed Backers of Concern That Plans 150 Wooden Carriers

[Staff Correspondence]

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Launching of more ships in the month of March from American yards than they built in the whole of 1914 was announced at the Shipping Board today.

The number of ships launched was thirty-six, with a dead-weight tonnage of 232,786. The number of vessels completed and delivered was eighteen, of a dead-weight tonnage of 162,200, with the expectation that two more will be delivered Monday.

On the heels of this announcement came the surprising news that "large interests," supposed to be the du Ponts, have decided to engage in building and operating wooden motor ships for private account, on a scale of great magnitude. The company representing this interest, styled the Atlantic & Pacific, has arranged with the Shipping Board for the immediate construction of 150 3,000-ton wooden vessels to be propelled by sails and auxiliary Diesel engines, giving them a speed of about eight knots.

**Senator Aids Plan**  
The arrangement with the Shipping Board was made by Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon, who has long been interested in the problem of providing work for the shipyard hands who have been greatly handicapped hitherto by the attitude of the Shipping Board toward ships building for private account.

On account of the delays in the wood ship programme, the board has not been willing to let contracts for additional ships as yet. On the other hand, the yards are finding their ways empty as they are completed ships they had under contract with private parties and foreign governments. Good ship-building capacity was going to waste, as American shipowners didn't care to go to the expense of starting boats, only, possibly, to have them commandeered on the ways.

By arrangement between Chairman Hurley and Senator McNary, the owners of the new fleet are to be permitted to retain title and operation of the ships, subject to fixing of rates by the Shipping Board, and yards not engaged in building vessels for the Shipping Board are to be free to contract to build these vessels.

**Can Be Built Quickly**  
About sixty-five Pacific Coast ways are ready for the new ships, which, being of different design than the wooden ships of the board, will not interfere with the supply of timbers and lumber for the latter. Moreover, as they are to have Diesel engines and electric hoist machinery, they will not interfere with the power equipment of any of the ships now building. It is calculated that they can be built about ninety days to a ship, and that the first of the fleet will take to the water inside of four months.

These ships will be used in the deep water Pacific and coastwise trade, and owing to the small crews required in

their operation are expected to afford cheap transport for the expansion of American commerce after as well as during the war, it being specifically provided that they are to fly the American flag and be of American ownership. As this new fleet will add 450,000 tons to the American mercantile marine within the next twelve months without interfering in any way with the established shipbuilding programme, the Shipping Board feels as if it had found that much tonic.

**Shipyards to Celebrate**

Designating the anniversary of America's entrance into the great war as "Liberty Day," Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board today called upon all shipyards of the country to arrange for a proper celebration of the day, the idea being to use the celebrations as a means of enlisting the workers and stimulating them to renewed efforts in their share of winning the war.

The new Shipping Board flag will be raised for the first time in all the yards and the occasion will be observed with brass band music, patriotic addresses and appropriate souvenirs.

## "War Baby's" Tax Is 57 Per Cent Of Its Profits

A "war baby" munitions corporation which will hand over 57 per cent of its profits to Uncle Sam yesterday filed income and excess profits returns at the office of Collector "Big Bill" Edwards at the Custom House.

How profits from the war are turned to the prosecution of it was explained by Mr. Edwards. Citing this case, without mentioning the name of the firm, he said:

"The corporation was formed by five individuals, who issued and paid for capital stock to the amount of \$300,000 a few years ago. This corporation manufactured at first household necessities, but, in 1917, a large firm manufacturing ammunition for the Allies found it necessary to expand its plant and purchased the assets of the former corporation for \$500,000.

"When the corporation filed its return, showing a net profit of \$300,000 on a capital invested of \$250,000, it was found it would be assessed an income tax of \$13,745 and an excess profits tax of \$27,490, a total of \$41,235, or nearly 57 per cent of its profits. This amount, the officers of the corporation stated, they were pleased to pay, as they appreciated that the transaction was a 'war profit,' and they felt Uncle Sam was entitled to a good share of it."

**Pays Sentiment Tax**  
Financial prosperity is not the only story told by the returns. Business adversity is found, but never anything but the utmost willingness to help prosecute the war with money. This is shown by the following letter, received yesterday by Mr. Edwards:

"On my income in 1915 I paid a tax of \$992.07. For the subsequent year I paid a tax of \$218.60. Last year I sustained some very heavy losses in my business, as a result of which I am without a taxable income and under no obligation to make a statement.

"As a matter of sentiment, I prefer nevertheless to remain upon the list of those who pay an income tax during the war, and I enclose a check for \$100, which I shall be glad to have you accept if practicable."

Collector Edwards accepted the money in the spirit in which it was donated and forwarded it to Commissioner Roper, in Washington, where it will be added to a miscellaneous fund used for war relief.

**Monday Midnight Last Minute**  
Monday midnight will be the last minute at which income tax returns may be filed. Mr. Edwards announced that on the last day his office will be open from 8 p. m. to 12 m. and that any one inside the Custom House by that time may have his return accepted. To those who have been unable to file their returns, which may be obtained on extension of time, Mr. Edwards suggests that they file a tentative return giving approximate figures, or even leaving blanks, which may be filled out later. Thirty days will then be allowed for a correct return.

## Many Give Best Clothes for Use Of War Refugees

A deluge of clothing arriving at Red Cross stations on the last day of Clothes Collection Week, netted the Belgians far more than New York's quota of 2,700 tons.

Laundry wagons and dealers' trucks brought in wearing apparel so fast last night that the receiving centers were smothered in things for the destitute inhabitants of the invaded regions of Western Europe.

At the warehouse of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, the late night loading contributions until late last night. One laundry alone delivered 800 bundles, weighing 14,000 pounds. Another laundry, while delivering fifty tons of clothing, given by its customers, announced three times as much more remained to be delivered.

Because of the congestion at receiving centers and the impossibility of diverting department store wagons to collection work on the day before Easter, the work of collection will continue next week.

Clothing manufacturers, who have been busy with pre-Easter business, have promised to give more than 5,000 garments next week.

The receiving centre at West Fifty-seventh Street will remain open until Wednesday, and the storehouse at 557 Broadway and headquarters at 24 West Thirty-ninth Street will receive contributions indefinitely.

Joseph M. Price, chairman of the collection committee, was well pleased with the results of the week's campaign.

"The drive has been a success," he said, "and we have collected more than our share of the 2,700 tons assigned to the Atlantic Division of the Red Cross. While I know that we have 1,000 tons on hand, the reports that reach me from collection centres and laundries lead me to expect that our average will be higher than that of any other section of the country. I cannot give out definite figures to-day.

"One aspect of the drive, however, has been most impressive. People have given their best rather than their worst clothes. Furthermore, those who have not had clothes to spare have gone to the stores and bought them. A woman came to my desk this morning with \$15 and asked me how best she could spend it. I told her to buy blankets. I had just bought \$250 worth of blankets for Julius Goldman, and what these two did yesterday is characteristic of the spirit that has prevailed."

**Italy "Interns" Tirpitz Estates**  
ROME, March 30.—The Prefect of Sassari has requisitioned estates valued at \$100,000 owned by Admiral von Tirpitz in Sardinia.

Now is the time to own your own home. Turn the Real Estate Column of the Sunday Tribune. Perhaps you'll find there just what you want.—Advt.

## Liberty Loan Bill Passed in House by Unanimous Vote

Rate of Interest Is Fixed at Four and One-Quarter Per Cent

Ready for Senate

Additional Amount To Be Raised Is Fixed at \$4,500,000,000

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Liberty Loan bill was passed unanimously by the House to-night in virtually the same form as reported from the Ways and Means Committee, which framed it in accordance with recommendations of Secretary McAdoo. It now goes to the Senate, which is expected to pass it Monday.

The only section of the bill to which there was serious objection was the one providing that in determining the value of national or state bonds for taxation by state or local authorities the value of government bonds be determined as if they were issued to apply only to bonds issued during the war.

**Dominic Motion Defeated**  
A motion by Representative Dominic, of South Carolina, to have the section eliminated was voted down without a record vote. Those supporting the motion argued that the provision gave an advantage to banks over private bondholders, while those opposing it maintained that banks should be encouraged in the purchase of the bonds, as they already held large amounts of the first and second issues.

While no other determined fight against any section developed, the general plan of raising great sums by bond issues without increasing taxation was attacked by Representatives Keating, of Colorado, and Huddleston, of Alabama, Democrats, and Green, of Iowa, Republican. Answering these arguments, Majority Leader Kitchin said he believed taxes should be increased 25 per cent, and probably would be, but possibly "not at this session of Congress."

**Discusses Increased Taxation**  
Discussion of increased taxation was begun by Representative Huddleston, who interrupted Mr. Kitchin's explanation of the bill to ask:

"I want to know how much longer I am expected to vote for more bond issues before taxes are raised? I do not believe we should place the burden on future generations when a good part of this generation is enjoying prosperously because of the war."

The bill as passed gives authority to Secretary McAdoo to issue \$8,000,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness, to issue \$4,500,000,000 more of Liberty bonds, in addition to the \$3,000,000,000 now authorized but unused, fixes the interest rate on the third bond issue at 4 1/4 per cent and authorizes the loan of an additional \$1,500,000,000 to the Allies.

## Red Cross House Opened; First of 32 Soldier Homes

The Red Cross House, the first of thirty-two convalescent homes for soldiers, opened its doors yesterday afternoon at United States Hospital No. 1, on Hill Road, near Cambridge Avenue, The Bronx. Built by the National Red Cross at a cost of \$20,000, the house occupies an area of 100 square feet and is equipped with reception room, library, sun parlor, diet kitchen and billiard room.

Ethan Allen, manager of the Atlantic Division of the Red Cross, announced that the building was formally placed at the command of Colonel D. F. Duval, commanding officer in charge of General Hospital No. 1.

"This war has given a great developer," said Mr. Allen. "Nothing, I believe, has ever been known to equal the capacity of production, the great volunteer spirit, the devotion to duty, the magnificence and the means of placing the Red Cross in a position to qualify upon its province of aiding the army and navy. It is for the purpose of being better able to give further aid in this direction that the Red Cross houses with their many features intended to help the convalescent soldier back to strength, are being established. Through the suggestion of Mrs. W. K. Draper to Colonel Reynolds, head of the Medical Corps at Camp Upton, the work of establishing these Red Cross houses throughout the country has been developed.

**Will Strengthen the Morale**  
"After all, the great undertaking of the Red Cross, with all its ramifications, must be the strengthening of morale. We shall feel that a great deal has been achieved if, in the establishment of these houses, the soldiers are helped to recovery, and when they leave take away the impression that the Red Cross, with its 22,000,000 members, is back of them with every resource at its command."

London has not up to this time opened anything like this Red Cross house, declared Dr. Allan MacRossa, a surgeon, recently returned from France.

The Red Cross is doing wonderful work, and will eventually bring together on a common ground the Y. M. C. A., the Hebrew organizations and the Catholic societies interested in war work.

The building, situated at the easterly end of the hospital grounds, has four wings and is built in the shape of a Greek cross. Thomas T. Aldrich, a wallpaper painter, will be in charge as field director, assisted by a staff of several men and women. The Rev. Father Dore will be the resident chaplain.

## U. S. Acts to Prevent Harbor Tie-Up Here

Robert P. Bass, chairman of the National Adjusting Commission of the United States Shipping Board, will arrive in New York to-morrow to take up the grievances of the marine workers. His intervention, it is expected, will have the effect of preventing a strike act for Tuesday morning.

Mr. Bass's decision to come to New York was announced in a telegram to President of the longshoremen's association, in answer to an appeal for assistance in preventing a tie-up of the port. It read:

"I have been asked through Mr. Gompers to meet Mr. O'Connor in New York Monday. Will get into touch with you then."

The Marine Workers' Affiliation, the central body of the marine workers, meets Monday afternoon at 217 Court Street, Brooklyn, to consider the situation. Mr. Bass will be asked to meet with the affiliation.

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## Short Sales To Be Taxed Four Times

Treasury Department Ruling May Curtail Exchange Transactions

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Holding that each proposed short sale of securities is taxable at least four times, or 8 cents per \$100 of face value of the security, the Treasury to-day gave an interpretation of the war tax act which may result in greatly curtailing these transactions on the stock exchanges.

In many short sale transactions, transfers of stocks are made more than four times, and consequently the stamp tax of two cents per \$100 for each transfer would run above 8 cents. The question has created considerable difference of opinion among Treasury advisers, and finally was referred to the Attorney General, on whose opinion the ruling was based.

The decision made by Revenue Commissioner Roper, and approved by Secretary McAdoo, raised the tax on each of the following transfers:  
Sale of stock by the person making the short sale; transfer from the lender of stock to the person making the short sale so that he may make delivery of the stock sold; purchase by the borrower of stock to return to the lender; transfer from the borrower to the lender of shares to replace those borrowed.

## Rabbis Urge Jews To Do Utmost for New Liberty Loan

An appeal for every American Jew to do his duty at this time, "when our civilization is tottering," by subscribing up to the limit to the third Liberty Loan has been sent out under the signature of eight leading rabbis. The call for unstinted loyalty from the Jew is one of the moves of the National Security League to line up the various units of the national life powerfully behind the forthcoming offensive for patriotic dollars. The appeal reads:

"At this moment, when our civilization is tottering and when our country is bending every effort to annihilate the forces of evil and to re-establish a world democracy, it is incumbent upon every Jew to aid with every means the efforts made by our country to win this great struggle, which will bring about a new freedom for the world. The Jew has always been a fighter for ideals, and no more idealistic work than to aid in the present struggle can be found.

"The third Liberty Loan is about to be launched and we urge every Jew to do his utmost, as in the case of the first two loans, and respond liberally to the country's appeal."

The message is signed by:  
Dr. Solomon T. H. Hurwitz, of the Rabbinical College of America, editor of "The Jewish Forum"; Rabbi Saul Silver, of Congregation Anshei Ezer, Chicago; Rabbi Henry Gatterman, of Congregation Beth Shalom, New York; Rev. Dr. Samuel Baer, chairman of the executive committee of the Jewish Ministry of America; Rev. Dr. H. L. Pereira Mendes, of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue; Rev. Dr. Elia L. Solomon, of Congregation DeSiah Israel; Rabbi Paul Chertoff, of Congregation Shaarei Zedek, and Rabbi Meir A. Kaplan, of Congregation Nachshon Zeev, of New York City.

Business men of the East Side have been invited to attend a lunch on Tuesday, at which the Liberty Loan will be explained. Invitations to the lunch, which will be at 77-79 Delancey Street, are being sent out by Bernard K. Marcus, vice-president of the bank, who is also a vice-chairman of the Metropolitan Canvass Committee for the Liberty Loan. Many foremost financiers have promised to attend.

The Metropolitan Canvass Committee, of which A. B. Leach is chairman, yesterday completed its organization according to police precincts for house-to-house canvasses in behalf of the coming bond flotation. In each of the police precincts, headquarters were appointed and officers instructed to appoint a lieutenant for every block in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx. Through this far-reaching organization the arguments why people should subscribe will be driven home by men familiar with local conditions.

With Mr. Leach on the committee, as it has been finally constituted, are: William F. Atkinson, S. B. Blakeman, Thomas A. Buckner, L. A. Gert, W. A. Day, George T. B. L. Arnold, E. R. Williams, George B. K. Marcus, Douglas Mathewson, Edwin P. Maynard, Joseph P. Merchan, H. J. Miller, J. S. Morick, William J. O'Shea, Edgar L. Pereira, H. Duncan Reid, Dr. Elia L. Pereira, H. L. Solomon, Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., Colonel J. F. Dennis, of the British-Canadian mission, Colonel Moses Greenwood and Daniel Frohman will be speakers Tuesday morning at the mass meeting of theatre folk to take part in the next Liberty Loan drive. The meeting will be held in the Palace Theatre.

## Allied Airmen Kill Ten In Town of Luxembourg

AMSTERDAM, March 30.—Advices from Berlin say that at 12:45 Tuesday afternoon Allied airmen attacked the town of Luxembourg.

They have thus far been reported to have destroyed a great deal of property, and houses were heavily damaged.

## Weather Now a Criminal

LONDON, Feb. 28 (by mail).—To let food rot or decay or even to let frost rest on potatoes is now a criminal offense in England.

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## War Finance Bill Agreed On; Bond Limit 3 Billions

Conferees Split Difference Between House and Senate on Amount of Issue

WASHINGTON, March 30.—An agreement on the Administration bill to create a war finance corporation, fixing its capital stock at \$500,000,000 and the amount of bonds it may issue at \$3,000,000,000 and providing a voluntary system for licensing security issues, was reached to-day by Senate and House conferees.

The conferees compromised the dispute over the bond authorization, which had been fixed at \$4,000,000,000 by the Senate and \$2,000,000,000 by the House.

The corporation will consist of Secretary McAdoo (ex-officio) and four directors with salaries of \$12,000 each. The voluntary capital issues licensing

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